



Lenox Library

18 Main Street
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Lenox Library's

Youth Poetry Contest

Theme: What Brings You Joy?

Lenox Library ("the Library") invites you to share what brings you joy. Whether you're an experienced poet or someone who has never written a poem before, we want to hear from you! Let us celebrate together all of the different ways we experience joy!

The Library will accept submissions March 21 - April 18, 2026. First place winners will earn a prize. Winners will be announced April 25, 2026 at our Poetry Celebration.

Poems will be judged based on originality, relevance to the theme, and clarity. Submissions will be split into one of three grade categories: Grades 3 – 5, 6 – 8, and 9 – 12.

Contest Guidelines:

Poets:

- Must be a student between grade 3 and 12 (typically ages 8 - 18)
- Can attend any school or be homeschooled
- May reside anywhere
- May only submit ONE poem to the contest
- Do not need to be a Lenox Library cardholder
- If chosen as a winner, must be able to pick up their prize from Lenox Library

Poems must:

- Be submitted with a contact form by April 18, 2026 to Lenox Library, 18 Main Street Lenox, MA 01240
- Be the author's original work and not AI generated
- Not contain any identifiable information (name and contact information should appear only on the provided contact form)
- Be no longer than 2 pages in length
- Be either typed and printed or handwritten legibly

Contact Vanessa Justice, Youth Librarian, with any questions at vjustice@lenoxlib.org.

Support for this program is generously provided by Beth and Peter Levin.

~ The mission of the Lenox Library is to connect our community to resources and programs that encourage lifelong learning and celebrate our collective history and culture.



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Contact Form:

First Name _____ Last Name _____

Age _____ Grade _____

Title of Poem _____

Parent or Guardian's Phone Number _____

Parent or Guardian's Email Address _____

Parent or guardian:

I, _____ hereby authorize my child to participate in the Youth Poetry Contest program at Lenox Library. I understand that my child's name and poetry and any related illustrations may be displayed in the Library or affiliated websites or social media. Winners of the contest may be announced through press releases to the media.

Parent or guardian's signature

Date

Staff Use Only:

Entry Number _____

Poem Grade Category: 3 – 5 6 – 8 9 – 12